

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 8, line 21 as follows:

--Other features and advantages of the invention will appear in the light of the following detailed description and drawings in which:

[[ - ]]FIG. 1A shows the general architecture of a system for sharing digital documents according to a first embodiment;

FIG. 1B is a block diagram illustrating the general architecture of a device for sharing digital data implementing the invention according to a second embodiment;

[[ - ]]FIG. 2A shows a device implementing the part of the invention dedicated to a central server according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 2B is a diagram of the programmable apparatus implementing the part of the invention dedicated to the central server according to the second embodiment;

[[ - ]]FIG. 3A shows block diagrams illustrating the information stored in tables of the central server according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 3B is a diagram of the organization of the information stored on the central server according to the second embodiment;

[[ - ]]FIG. 4A shows a device implementing the part of the invention dedicated to a user station according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 4B is a diagram of the architecture of the stations according to the second embodiment;

[[ - ]]FIG. 5 shows block diagrams illustrating the organization of the data stored in tables of a user station;

FIG. 6 shows a block diagram illustrating the creation of a request containing an identifier, from a user station;

FIG. 7 shows a block diagram illustrating the delivery of a document by a user station according to an identifier;

FIG. 8 shows a block diagram illustrating the mechanism of searching for a digital document on the basis of an identifier;

FIG. 9A shows a block diagram illustrating the creation of a request containing a thumbnail, from a user station according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 9B is a diagram of the part of the invention dedicated to a thin station according to the second embodiment;

FIGS. 10A and 11A show block diagrams illustrating the mechanism of searching for a digital document on the basis of a thumbnail according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 10B is a diagram of the method of receiving a message sent in accordance with FIG. 9B according to the second embodiment;

FIG. 11B is a diagram of the steps illustrating the part of the invention dedicated to the reference station according to the second embodiment;

FIG. 12A shows a block diagram illustrating the mechanism for sharing a new document according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 13A illustrates the general steps of the method of sharing a digital document of photograph type in accordance with the invention according to the first embodiment; and

FIG. 13B is a diagram of the steps of the method of sharing a document of photograph type in accordance with the invention according to the second embodiment.

~~= FIG. 1B is a block diagram illustrating the general architecture of a device for sharing digital data implementing the invention according to a second embodiment;~~

~~= FIG. 2B is a diagram of the programmable apparatus implementing the part of the invention dedicated to the central server according to the second embodiment;~~

~~= FIG. 3B is a diagram of the organization of the information stored on the central server according to the second embodiment;~~

~~= FIG. 4B is a diagram of the architecture of the stations according to the second embodiment;~~

~~= FIG. 9B is a diagram of the part of the invention dedicated to a thin station according to the second embodiment;~~

~~= FIG. 10B is a diagram of the method of receiving a message sent in accordance with FIG. 9B according to the second embodiment;~~

~~= FIG. 11B is a diagram of the steps illustrating the part of the invention dedicated to the reference station according to the second embodiment; and~~

~~= FIG. 13B is a diagram of the steps of the method of sharing a document of photograph type in accordance with the invention according to the second embodiment. --~~